



State of Washington

## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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### DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

**Name of Proposal: RANCH ON SWAUK CREEK HABITAT ENHANCEMENT PROJECT AND SCREENING AND PASSAGE PROJECT**

#### **Description of Proposal:**

##### **Proponent/Applicant:**

Yakama Nation Fisheries (YN)

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#### **Location of Proposal, including street, if any:**

1. Near the Lauderdale Junction of United States Highway 97 and Washington State Highway 970 in Kittitas County.
2. Habitat Enhancement Project: 980 Burke Road—along Swauk Creek for approximately 4000 linear feet  
Fish Passage and Screening Project is accessed from private access road off of Highway 97, both are Cle Elum, WA addresses.
3. Upper Yakima River Water Resource Inventory Area # 39
4. Habitat Enhancement Project: Latitude: 47.1948° N, Longitude: -120.7167° W
5. Fish Passage and Screening Project: Latitude: 47.2036° N, Longitude: -120.7041° W
6. Habitat Enhancement Project: T 20 N, R 17 E, S 28 SE ¼  
Fish Passage and Screening Project: T 20 N, R 17 E, S 27 NW ¼
7. Habitat Enhancement Project Parcel #: 045535, 949696, 949695
8. Fish Passage and Screening Project Parcel #: 195535, 827336

**Lead Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law<sup>1</sup> does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.<sup>2</sup> We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **August 3, 2010**

You can submit your comments by email to [SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov), through the WDFW SEPA website comment link at <http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/hab/sepa/sepa.htm>, fax to (360) 902-2946, or mail to the address below. When you send us your comments, please provide the name

of the proposal in your comment letter.

**Responsible Official:** Teresa A. Eturaspe

**Position/Title:** SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/hab/sepa/sepa.htm>. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.<sup>1</sup>

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Teresa Eturaspe at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2575.

**DATE OF ISSUE:** July 20, 2010

**SIGNATURE:** 

Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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